Village of Tupper Lake
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Date:	Monday, December 15, 2014	
Location:	Board Room	
Meeting:	Regular	5:00-8:30 PM

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees held this date, the following were present: Mayor Paul A. Maroun, Trustees Richard Donah, David Maroun, Leon LeBlanc, Village Attorney Nathan N. Race and Village Clerk/Treasurer Mary A. Casagrain.

Absent from the Regular Meeting was Trustee Thomas Snyder.

Enter Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to enter Executive Session at 5:09 pm for the purpose of discussing information relating to current or future investigation, discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, the employment history of particular persons, proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property and contracts negotiations. (Carried 3-0)

Trustee Richard Donah Entered Executive Session at 5:11 PM

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Exit Executive Session

Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 6:06 pm. (Carried 4-0)

Also present were Electric Superintendent John Bouck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard, Police Chief Eric Proulx, Town Councilman and Men's Softball Organizer Richard Skiff, Fire Chief Carl Steffen, Tupper Lake Central School District students Trystan Lohr, Joshua Pickering, Hunter Savage, Nashua Botala, Kristin Dukett, Taylor Roberge, Jocelyn Roy, and News Reporters Mary Peryea and Thomas Selitsky.

Call Regular Meeting To Order

Mayor Maroun called the Regular Meeting to order and established the agenda at 6:06 pm.

Pledge

Pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence and prayer for the safe return of missing teen Collin Gillis.

Public Comment Period:

Richard Skiff

Town of Tupper Lake Councilman and Men's Softball Organizer Mr. Richard Skiff addressed the Village Board with a formal request to place an equipment storage building that will be 10'x10' inside the Municipal Ball Field for storage use by the Town of Tupper Lake Youth Recreation Department and the Men's Softball League. The placement of the building will be at no cost to the Village and the exterior will match the existing colors and materials used for the announcer's booth. It was so moved by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize the placement of the building inside the Municipal Park. (Carried 4-0)

MAC's Safe Ride Request for Funding

Mayor Maroun asked that we table discussions concerning the formal request from MAC's Safe Ride for financial support.

Nelson Avenue Appraisals	The Village Board reviewed the two appraisals received from Gillis Realty and LaValley's Real Estate for the unopened street called Nelson Avenue. Both appraisals were $5,000 each. Mayor Maroun asked that the appraisals be reviewed by our Village Attorney Nathan Race for recommendation.
AMEC Ice Races January 31 & February 1st, 2015	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to authorize Adirondack Motor Enthusiast Club to host their two-day ice races with cars on the lake and to utilize the Municipal Park for their pit area on January 31, 2015 and February 1, 2015. (Carried 4-0)
CFA Awards & Denials	The Village Board briefly reviewed the CFA grant awards and denials for 2014. It was noted that the Village of Potsdam and Raquette River communities will advance the Raquette River Corridor Blueway Trail Plan and Tupper Lake Downtown and Waterfront Revitalization Strategy. Projects include: construction of the Downtown Riverwalk in Potsdam; and construction of a canoe launch at Piercefield Town Beach. There is $60,000 in the grant for Tupper Lake to revise the zoning code and to continue our revitalization advancement activities. It was also noted that our request for Phase II Implementation for the District Heating Project with NYSERDA was denied.
Approve Minutes	Motion by Trustee Richard, seconded by Trustee David to approve the Board Minutes from November 17th and December 1st and 10th, 2015 respectively. (Carried 4-0)
Code: Accept November Report	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the November 2014 Monthly Code Report. (Carried 4-0)
187 Park Street Notice of Violation	The Village Board reviewed a Notice of Violation for an Unsafe and Dangerous Building located at 187 Park Street due to a structural fire. The property owner was served a notice to comply by December 23, 2014. Mayor Maroun recommended we provide our Village Attorney Nathan N. Race with a copy of the Notice of Violation and to prepare to proceed with removal at our next meeting.
Annual Northern Adirondack Code Training March 2-5, 2015 in Lake Placid	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize Peter Edwards to attend the Annual Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Training in Lake Placid march 2-5, 2015 to include attendance and dues. (Carried 4-0)
Moratorium on Electric Heat Local Law Suggested Language	The Village Board briefly reviewed the suggested language received from the Village and Town of Tupper Lake Code Enforcement Officials to be considered for inclusion in some form of local law or code to lift the Moratorium on Electric Heat in the future.
Fire: Accept November Report	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to approve the November 2014 Monthly Fire Report. (Carried 4-0)

FEMA Submission Completed	Fire Chief Carl Steffen advised the board that the Fire Department has completed submission of a FEMA grant application for 2014 with the help of Kyle Fuller and Mary Casagrain. He advised that the grant request was for a new pumper, Scott air packs and new hose totaling close to three quarters of a million. He advised that they expect a 6-month wait for awards to be announced. Fire Chief Steffen also acknowledged the help of Trustee David Maroun and Richard Donah, Police Chief Eric Proulx and Mark Picerno which took approximately 5-weeks to complete. Trustee Richard Donah advised that he and Mayor Maroun had a good meeting with Senator Schumer's Office to follow-up on grants and they recommended we submit and they would support us in anyway they can.
Police:	
Accept November Report	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to approve the November 2014 Monthly Police Report. (Carried 4-0)
Police Vehicle Update	Police Chief Eric Proulx advised that he has two vehicles down. We had to replace the oil pan in the Durango because it was rusted out and the timing belt went in one of the Dodge Chargers. He thanked the DPW and Electric Department for their help during the repairs.
Officer Jay Peets Police Academy	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to send Officer Jay Peets to Police Officer Academy at SUNY Canton from January 5 through the end of May, 2015. (Carried 4-0)
DPW:	
NYS DEC Petroleum Bulk Storage Inspection Completed	The Village Board briefly reviewed the NYS DEC Petroleum Bulk Storage Inspection Report from the onsite inspection of September 24, 2014.
Auctions International Inc. Services	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to participate in the Auctions International Inc. Services for on-line sale of surplus government assets. (Carried 4-0) It was noted that we would proceed with selling the 2012 Ford F350 Dual Wheel 8' Pickup Bed that isn't being used by the DPW.
Water/Wastewater:	
Misc. Updates	Water/Wastewater Superintendent Mark Robillard advised that his department have been helping Christopher Zaiden restore the bathrooms at the Littler Logger's Park. His crews have also been rebuilding the Bull Pen at the Wastewater Treatment Facility to centralize their parts and fittings in one secure building.
NYS DOH Review	It was noted that we are still working with NYS DOH in completing our preliminary engineering report for our ground water supply project and the well site selected has good quality water and plenty of it.
Electric:	
Electric Curtailment	There will be no reduction in firm hydro energy sales for the month of January 1-31, 2014.

NYPA Memorandum Re-allocations	Electric Superintendent John T. Bouck advised the Village Board that we received a Memorandum from the New York Power Authority advising us that there will be revisions to the current municipal/cooperative hydro allocation levels due to a takedown of 720 kW through Muni/Coop IEDP for Delaware County Electric Cooperative.
NYPA Annual Meeting 12/16/14	Electric Superintendent John T. Bouck reminded the Village Board that our electric rate increase request will be reviewed tomorrow, December 16, 2014 at the NYPA Annual Meeting.
Treasurer: Approve Warrants	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to approve the December 15, 2014 warrant in the amount of $233,320.89 for payment of the bills and abstracts for the month of November, 2014. (Carried 4-0)
Review Cash Position	Review the monthly cash position for November 30, 2014.
NYS ERS Standard Work Day Resolution	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee Donah to formally approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting for Elected and Appointed Officials as follows noting that there will be no changes since we have the same elected and appointed officials as last year: Trustees 5 days per month Mayor 10 days per month Acting Village Justice 1 day per month (Carried 4-0)
Partners in Safety Inc. Contract 2015	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Donah to authorize Mayor Maroun to execute our 2015 Drug and Alcohol Testing agreement with Partners in Safety Inc. for our CDL licensed drivers. (Carried 4-0)
Open Comment Period For Central Railroad Corridor UMP	Trustee Donah announced that tonight is the deadline for the public to comment on the Adirondack Central Rail Road Corridor Unit Management Project with the NYS DOT and NYS DEC. The debates have been for the NYS to keep the rails from Utica to Tupper Lake and remove the rails from Tupper Lake to Lake Placid or do a side-by-side.
Enter Executive Session	Motion by Trustee Maroun, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to enter Executive Session at 6:55 pm for the purpose of discussing information relating to current or future investigation, discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation, the employment history of particular persons, proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property and contracts negotiations. (Carried 4-0)
Exit Executive Session	Motion by Trustee LeBlanc, seconded by Trustee Maroun to exit Executive Session at 8:15 pm. (Carried 4-0)
Part-time Relief Fire Drivers Appointed	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to appoint Mr. Mark Picerno, Mr. Joshua Cassell and Mr. Randy Mandigo as part-time relief fire drivers for the Village with a one-year probation period to complete the required training for the job. (Carried 4-0)

Insurance Premium Cap for Retirees	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee LeBlanc to cap the Village's contribution towards the health insurance premiums at 2014's rates as follows: $210.73 per month for our 65+ retirees, $601.39 per month for our retirees under 65 and $355.35 per month for our sole retiree who resides out of state more than 50% of the time. The Village will pay the stated rates above each month towards the Village sponsored health insurance plan. Any increases in the premium above the stated capped rates will be the retiree's responsibility to pay the Village directly by the 28th of the month proceeding the coverage period. (Carried 4-0)
Adjournment	Motion by Trustee Donah, seconded by Trustee Maroun to adjourn at 8:30 PM. (Carried 4-0)

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Mary A. Casagrain, Village Clerk/Treasurer